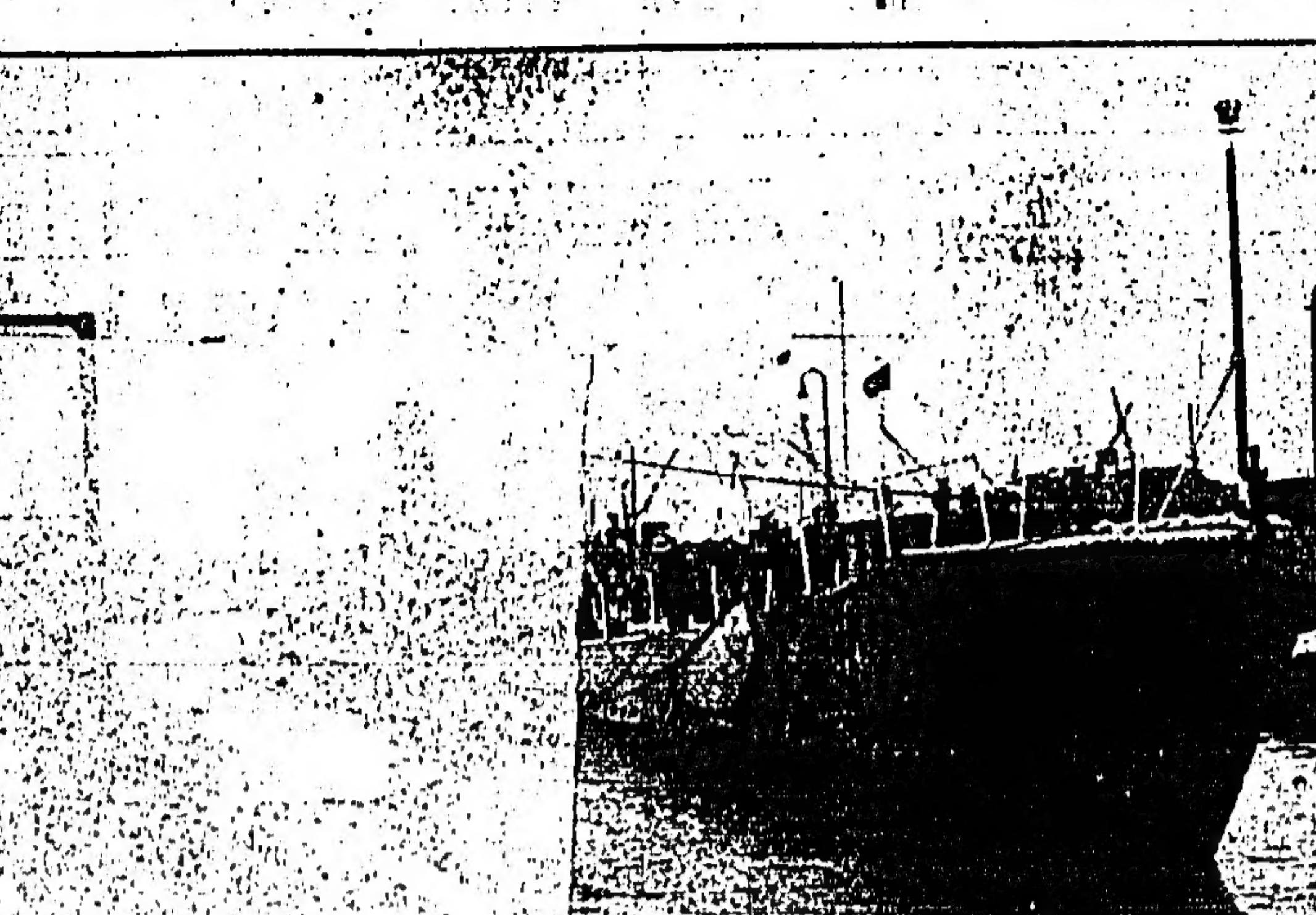


TALKS ON THE NEW GERMANY

Slow Progress In Bonn Discussions

Bonn, Sept. 30.—The European Council of the Allied Control Commission will meet again on October 1 to discuss the future of Germany. The talks are likely to be slow, as they have been since the start of the discussions in July.

British Submarine Pays Visit To Dockland



The submarine H.M.S. *Amber* entering Shadwell Basin, East London, last week, when, with H.M.S. *Armenia*, it began a 10-day visit to the capital. The submarine, which was closed to the public, were the first warships of that type to visit London since the 1946 Victory Parade. — Reuterphoto.

Japan's Progress Recovery

Washington, Sept. 30.—The Japanese Mobiliser, Mr Charles Wilson, today hailed "impressive" great progress toward economic recovery since the end of World War II. Nevertheless, he told President Truman in his latest economic report, there remains a substantial amount of industrial capacity in Japan which can be utilized to support the free world's mobilisation effort.

Mr Wilson said that Japan's industrial output for the year ending March 31, 1950, had reached 143 per cent of the 1937-38 level.

The economic situation has already passed its peak, he said, and the present rate of economic recovery is slow. It was the result of the Japanese commitment to a labour-intensive recovery plan, and to the

Japanese government's failure to take those gains into account when planning. It will now try to exploit sources of raw materials and markets abroad near North Korea, in China, and in South and Central America.

In the three years since the United Nations recognised the People's Republic of China, Japan has increased its trade with China.

TOTAL RECOGNITION

With this and the United States' recent recognition of the Chinese government, recently ratified by the United Nations, Japan is expected to expand its opportunities for further development in the area of raw materials.

Dud-Cheque Peggy Got £700 In Thirteen Days

London, Sept. 30.—Demure-looking Peggy Schwabe—Peggy the Dud-Cheque Dropper the police call her—went back to gaol for the 16th time. Peggy specialises in passing duds on West End jewellers and fashion shops. She is 39, and was once a dancer and comedienne.

She pleaded guilty at London Sessions to three charges of obtaining goods worth £305.

And she admitted for 11 other offences, involving another £277, to be taken into account. Her address was given as Basil-street, Knightsbridge, S.W.

Peggy left on August 7 after a three-year sentence of "corrective training." Within 13 days she tricked shops into letting her have nearly £700 worth of jewels and clothes.

At a jeweller's in New Bond-street she told the manager she was "Lady North," an old customer. She gave a worthless cheque for a £25 watch, and pawned the watch the same day for £200.

SITE CHOICE WATCH

From a lingerie shop nearby she "bought" £112 worth of lingerie with a dud cheque.

Then to another jeweller's where she chose a diamond

watch and gold lighter, total value £112.

She told the jeweller she was a friend of the Baroness de Rothschild, and wrote Lady Rothschild's name and address on the back of the cheque as security.

The jeweller said he would send the watch and lighter to her hotel. When Peggy left, he checked up, and told the police.

Peggy waited at her hotel for the jeweller's messenger.

But Detective Sergeant Charles Monahan arrived—and Peggy's round of buying and pawnings was over.

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You will go back to jail with the maximum sentence of five years," said the Deputy Chairman.

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WILLIAM BARKLEY NOTEBOOK

CROSSES THE CHANNEL

WHAT GOES on in the Parliaments of Europe? They are sitting now in France, for example, and in Germany, in the peaceful town of Bonn. What kind of men make up "The Chamber"? What is the matter (and mood) of their speeches? First dispatch below:

CHAPTER ONE

Orderly uproar!

PARIS. "Our wage policy is based on reason and Justice," he continues.

"Tell that to the workers," says the woman Communist.

ECHELLE MOBILE was the political headline when I arrived in Paris, Monday morning, in stairs, I thought gloomily, an extension of the Metro.

The Chamber of National Assembly met as my train came in at 9.30 a.m., which is an hour when the streets are not aired to a British politician.

I found it convulsed in a two-day debate on the mounting French cost of living. Echelle Mobile is the sliding scale, the simple Communist device; up goes the price, put up the wage.

Everyone else recognises this as our old friend the inflationary spiral staircase. M. Pleyen, the middle-of-the-way Radical Socialist Prime Minister, declared that the only way to reduce the cost of living is to increase production.

Heavens! He has been reading Snowden and Gaitskell, I thought.

They argue . . .

THEN I heard him actually say: "We must demand sacrifices of the country. If the British Socialist Ministers have the courage to say so to the British people, we must have the courage to say so to the French people."

"For the benefit of American millionaires," said a man Communist.

"Make peace with Russia," shouted Mme. Gauclier, one of many women among the 101 Communist deputies.

"Let Russia first accept disarmament, general, controlled, and simultaneous," said an independent Tory type.

"Russia proposed it," retorted the man Communist.

"Then let her open her frontiers," said the Tory.

Extraordinary how many of these howling interruptions are attentively heard to the end and then answered.

Meanwhile, M. Pleyen, tall, broad-shouldered, looking a youthful 40 in spite of his 52 years, stands at the tribune surveying the half-circle and listening to the debate. Yet he is supposed to be talking.

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THE SAINTS STAGE A COMEBACK ON THE PENNANT TRAIL

By "GRANDSTAND"

The Saints staged a comeback on the pennant trail when they blanketed out the Jaguars 3-0 behind the effective one-hit pitching of Sherry Bucks in the "A" Division Softball League, while the Pandas shellacked the Madcaps 15-5 as Panda slabster Jackie Wei handcuffed the opposition with his tricky slants.

In the "B" Division, the Baseballers chalked up their first victory of the season when they snatched the game out of the fire with two scoring sprees to triumph over Warriors 11-9, while the Dodgers succumbed to Red Sox 6-1.

The Wildfires-Rexes junior league tussle proved to be a ding-dong affair for six innings until the Rexes broke up an 8-all deadlock in the final chapter with a 7-run rally which put the issue beyond doubt, while Blackhawks won both ends of their week-end double-header by subduing the Blue Sox and 35 Bantams.

The Ladies' League game between the Wahoes and South China proved to be a one-sided affair, and as anticipated, the Owls could have fielded four players who handled the ball and beat three.

SAINTS 3—JAGUARS 0
Dishing out a brand of brilliant baseballing reminiscent of the Saints in their heyday, St Joseph's shutout the Jaguars 3-0 in their bid for the Senior League flag. In the absence of mentor Art Ozorio, coach Tai Wing Lee took over the reins and re-shuffled the batting order, which drew a wild heave. The Crimson Hose finally emerged victorious 6-1.

JUNIOR LEAGUE GAMES

The Rexes and Wildfires had even shares of the game up to the seventh inning when a barrage of Rexes' hits completely demoralized the opposition, and when the dust had cleared on this devastating chapter, the Rexes had a 15-8 win to their credit.

A. L. Casumbhay's three-bagger in the clutch sparked the Rexes and nothing seemed to go wrong with them. The only other distance blow was by A. K. Imai with a round-tripper in the fourth semester.

Rennie Barretto of the Blackhawks had another near shutout game when he held the 35 Bantams to only a single hit, and that was by Cooper whose single not only split Barretto's attempt, but also led to an eventual three-run inning.

In the other leg of the Blackhawks double-header, they edged out the Blue Sox 8-5, but the game was played under protest by the Sox who appealed against the umpire's decision in the advance of a base-runner on a wild throw.

The protest, however, becomes academic after receipt of written advice to the Association.

SCORES AT A GLANCE

SENIOR "A" DIVISION

St. Joseph's 3 Jaguars 0

Madcaps 5 Pandas 0

SENIOR "B" DIVISION

Red Sox 5 Dodgers 1

Baseballers 11 Warriors 9

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Blackhawks 8 Blue Sox 5

(played under protest)

Dragons 3 South China 2

Delaware 5 Pandas 3

Wildfires 8 Rexes 15

35 Bantams 3 Blackhawks 20

LADIES' LEAGUE

Wahoes 13 South China 1

to draw within one run of tying up the game.

Baseballers breathed easier when they completed the inning with another run and it was the Warriors' last; turn at bat, with two runs needed to tie the score.

Cordelio drew a walk off Doc Molin, but their bunt strategy misfired when Peter Hahn popped out. Ray Aldequer fanned the breeze but Warriors fans shouted themselves hoarse as John Pereira wheeled another pass to first base with the potential tying run.

The Saints seemed helpless at the plate as hurler Bucks bore down with every pitch and even the eager-beaver bunt artists kept on fouling up every play.

The Saints staged another uprising again in the fifth when Jindoo Hussain and Albert Smirke both rapped out singles, but the follow-up was weak and the effort proved fruitless.

Kito Hyndman slashed out another safety in the bottom half of the sixth for another St Joseph run to clinch the issue.

Several fielding gams were registered but the one that outglittered the others was a magnificent step by Benny Omar at third base when he froze a red-hot line-drive by cleanup hitter Gerry van Langenberg. The power-laden bowler practically bowed Omar over but he held the ball.

PANDAS 13—MADCAPS 5

The Pandas chalked up win No. 2 when they overwhelmed the Madcaps 15-5 despite the fact that the losers utilized two hurlers Joey Graca starting out on the mound and being subsequently replaced by regular Kelly Silvin-Nicotra after he had given out 7 walks and 8 hits.

Jackie Wei, who tolled on the mound for the full route, baffled the Madcaps and was robbed of a no-hit performance for the records after Madcap mentor Buster Hollands shoved Graham Crookdale into the lineup as a pinch-hitter.

Crookdale connected for a clear single to spoil Wei's effort and nudged the first Madcap run over the plate in the fifth frame.

The Pandas had things all their own way right from the start when Raymond Tsao and Tomi Wei hit safely in succession to start a three-run riot while two more hits by the same combination in the third chapter sparked a five-run uprising.

After notching up two more in the fourth inning, the Pandas registered another cluster of four markers to lead 14-0 while the Madcaps' score only showed a string of horsecollars.

Sparked by Crookdale's single, the Madcaps rallied in the sixth to produce a trio of markers in a futile attempt to stave off defeat, but it was in vain as the Pandas slammed the scoring gate right in their face with precision fielding.

The Pandas had their hitting sults on yesterday as Tomi Wei connected for a perfect three in three at the box while Tim Wong, holding the initial sack in Y.C. Mel's absence, clicked for three hits in five chances. Raymond Tsao also contributed a pair of safeties while Wally Mar clouted out the only extra-base hit with a two-bagger.

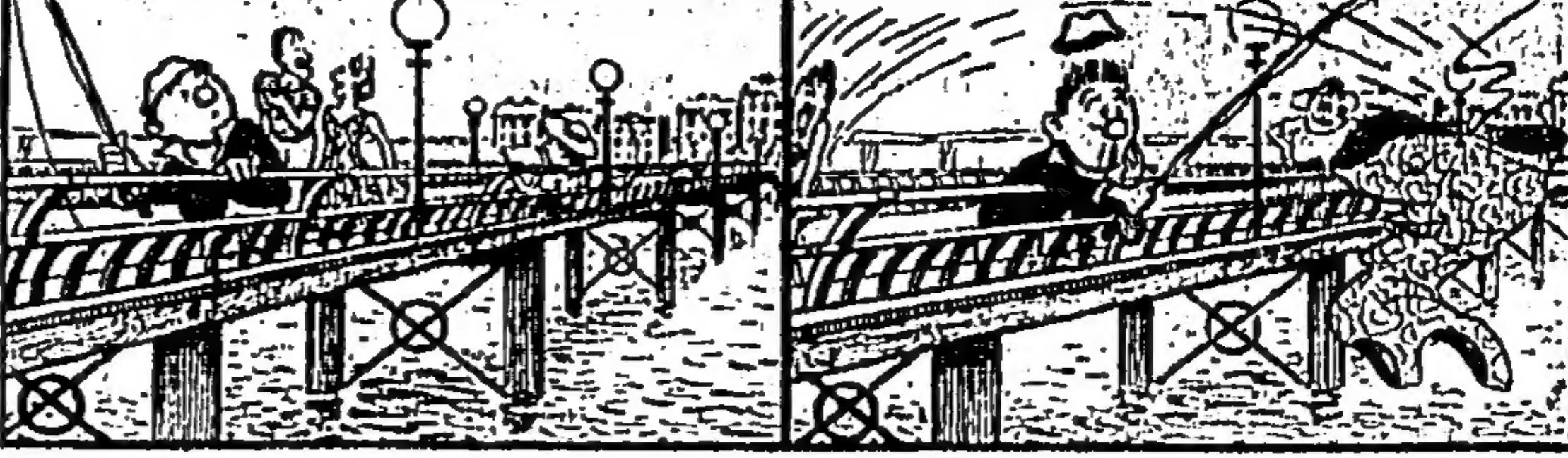
BASEBALLERS' 11—WARRIORS' 9

After jumping into a lead in the first inning, R. M. Cordelio's Warriors bowed to Doc Molin's Baseballers in the nightcap,

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SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



THE SPORTSMAN'S DIARY

Sussex Pay George Cox A £6,000 Benefit

The benefit fund of George Cox, the Sussex cricketer, today stands at more than £6,000—a remarkable sum considering that his main match, the August Bank Holiday fixture against Middlesex, was hit by bad weather.

I was assured by the Sussex CCC secretary, Lieut-colonel G. S. Grimston, that though the game was insured the bulk of the testimonial has come from behind-the-scenes efforts by Cox's friends and supporters.

When the fund is closed the annual figure may be approaching the £7,000 mark, a benefit figure exceeded by only five players: C. Washbrook (£14,000), Denis Compton (£12,000), L. Hutton (£9,000), R. Pollard (£8,000), W. Bowes (£4,000).

FATHER AND SON

The only other players who have drawn £4,000 or more are L. Gray (£6,000) and H. E. Dottry (£4,302). Previous best or Sussex was James Langridge £4,000.

Cox deserves this rich recognition but the story of this record Sussex benefit goes further back than 1931 when he first became a regular member of the county side.

Three years before that George Cox, senior, retired after serving his club from 1895, Sussex cricket thrives on family tradition and the Coxes, father and son, have given 54 years of playing service to Sussex.

Between them they have scored more than 30,000 runs and exceeded 2,000 wickets for county.

ROWING CANDIDATE

In the Boat Race this year Oxford were coked by G. Carver, an American from Yale University who was studying at Balliol. This year Balliol have another American candidate for the Oxford crew, Kenneth Keniston, a Rhodes Scholar from Harvard.

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BACUZZI WAS RIGHT

In the tennis tourney Mrs. Cooper and Mr. K. E. Greene were the winners.

Lawn bowls mementoes were presented by Mrs. P. S. Cassidy, introduced by Lieut.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell. Mrs. Cassidy was herself presented with a bouquet and a memento.

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DRESS REHEARSAL

This match provided Spurs England International full-backs Alf Ramsey and Arthur Willis with a full dress rehearsal for England's game against France on the same ground next Wednesday.

The fast moving Arsenal attack gave them a sample of what to expect from the Frenchmen.

GATESHEAD INCREASED

Gateshead increased their lead in the Northern Section. Of the four who began the day with 15 points they were the only club to win.

Oldham lost their unbeaten record on Bradford City's ground. The former England Captain, George Hardwick, now Oldham's player-manager, was ordered off.

In this section Lincoln City gained the highest score of the season when they crushed Crew III-1.

Altogether 160 goals were scored in the 46 English matches.

In Scotland, Glasgow Rangers failed at Dundee and were the only Division "A" club who did not score. Team switches during play did not improve their attack. Dundee's goal was scored by Billy Steel after seven minutes.

Rangers' great rivals, Celtic, also lost to Hearts and at home Celtic ended with their international right-half, Evans, at centre-forward.

Morton, Hibernian and East Fife, all with six points, top the table in that order—Reuter.

BIGGEST SURPRISE

The form of 18-year-old Cathie Best, who comes from Leeds, will be closely watched. This is her first chance of international honours; all the other members of the team have previously represented England.

OFF TO GERMANY

Touring Germany are English table-tennis players.

The following were the results of the lawn bowls games:

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M. A. Wahab 18
V. D. H. Cameron 17

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H. Minu 10
D. Phillips 9
R. W. Trimmer 9
D. D. Dingley 9
W. B. Parker 7
E. Gauier 7
W. J. Lubram 6
M. Nunes 5
G. C. Norman 4
P. J. McEvilie 4
D. W. Sewell 3
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India Leading Australia In Thomas Cup

Mrs. B. Yamamoto v. Mrs. C. Eakes v. Mrs. P. Ward (2).

Mr. J. Norfolk v. Mr. M. Chow (2).

Mr. D. White v. Mrs. J. Stokes (3).

Wednesday.

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"SHENGKING"	Kelung	5 p.m. 6th Oct.
"PAKHOI"	Bangkok	3 p.m. 10th Oct.
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Liverpool	Rotterdam	Hong Kong
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	Sailed	In Port Holt's Wharf
G. "CYCLOPS"	do	11th Oct.
S. "AUTOLYCUS"	do	14th Oct.
G. "FELEUS"	do	14th Oct.
S. "CLYTONEUS"	do	29th Oct.
G. "ANCHISES"	28th Sept.	5th Nov.
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"BENCRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow & Hamburg	10th Nov.
"BENDORAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Avonmouth & Hull	12th Nov.

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The Recruiting Office will open at the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit Lyceum Barracks and NOT at Whitfield Barracks Kowloon as on several previous occasions, on 4th October, 1951 for the pre-selection of potential recruits. Applicants should apply to the main gate of Lyceum Barracks which is approached from the Military road turning off Island Road, about half a mile East of Shaukiwan, at 9 a.m.

Approximately one hundred men are required principally for the following trades: Lorries, Mechanics, Electricians, Wireless Operators, Signal Lascies, Engineers, Storemen and fitters. Preference will be given to men who are physically strong, and have some knowledge of English, and their trades.

Applicants must bring with them two letters from reputable Hong Kong citizens vouching for their good behaviour and honesty. They must also bring with them one photograph, passport size, which, if they are finally selected, is not returnable. All applicants must have been born, and now be living in the Colony of Hong Kong. They must also be in possession of their Civil Registration Cards.

All applicants are warned that they must pass a medical test of fitness which includes a chest X-Ray, before they can be accepted. Applicants are also warned that they are subject to security and police tests. No man with previous police convictions will be accepted.

The Army life is a happy one in which there is plenty of scope for recreation and sport, and also a good future for the right type of man. All Regular Army engagements are for 3 years with the option of extending for a further 3 years if required. Terms and Conditions of Army Service will be explained to all potential recruits.

Men who are selected will be called up for enlistment, and commencement of military training at Lyceum Barracks on or about 19th November, 1951.

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NOTICE

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Annual General Meeting

This will be held on

Tuesday October 9th at 5.30 p.m. in the Helena May Institute, Garden Road, and

any prospective members

will be welcome. If time

allows a short practice will

follow.

It has been suggested that a junior section be formed for which a fee of say \$10 per pupil would be charged. It is hoped that those interested will attend the meeting when this proposition will be discussed.

Mary Mackintosh,

Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Morris Mendelson San Francisco, Calif. for the United States of America, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 10 of the Probate, Administration and Admiralty Act of 1873 made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 22nd day of October 1951.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims undischarged or before that date.

Dated the 20th day

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Wall St. Still Maintaining Its High Levels

New York, Sept. 30.

The stock market is passing the three-quarter mark of 1951 with average prices still close to a 21-year high.

Some ground was lost in listless trading last week. But the movement had no decisiveness to it.

When the exchange wound up its summer closing schedule and prepared to resume the 6½ day programme, with a Saturday session added this week, stock prices were within steady distance of the year's average high.

Trading patterns, however, gave little indication whether they might surmount that high in the near future or whether a collective movement may be getting under way to cut sharply into the market's recent gains.

The 20-high for The Associated Press average was established at \$100.00 on September 20. From a point 30 cents below that at the start of last week's dealings, it declined to \$99.50, at the close of Friday.

Only on Thursday did an appreciable speeding up of trading accompany a price spill. Prices steadied at the lower level.

In view of the slow nature of the week's dealings—only 7,833,000 shares changed hands compared with 10,170,700 in the preceding week—some market observers said there had been no real attempt to test the level at which new buying would come in to support prices.

The decline was never impressive and only on Thursday, the day of its sharpest bite, was there a wide excess of losses over gains. In each of the five sessions, issues recording new highs were more numerous than those touching new lows.

CRITICAL INDICATOR

While rails, which some followers regard as critical indicators of the probable course of the market, drifted lower, they avoided any runaway decline.

But strong support likewise failed to concentrate behind any particular section of the market.

Critical international situations, such as the Iranian Oil dispute and the attempts to resume Korean cease-fire negotiations, tended to restrain traders from taking any decisive action.

Three of the five most active stocks on the exchange were railroad issues. Pennsylvania Railroad topped the list, up 7% at 185%; New York Central was second, down 7% at 184%; and Baltimore and Ohio fifth, off 7% at 21%. Fedders-Quigley was third most active, and RKO Pictures fourth, each up 7%.

On the Curb exchange, Kaiser-Frazer was the most active issue with a gain of 7% at 63%. It was followed by Pan-American Oil, unchanged; Ford Motor of France, down 1/16; and Hallon Superpower A, up 7%.

BOND MARKET

Government bonds declined with losses running as much as 7% of a point.

The showing for Governments was the worst in any one week since an upswing started in late June from low touched in the decline set off by the removal of fixed price pegs by the Federal Reserve Board in March.

The largest losers were the restricted issues—bonds ineligible for purchases by commercial banks. Seven dropped below the 98 bid level—more than two points below par (100).

Dealers said activity for the most part was light and the price changes reflected a lack of demand rather than excessive supply of offerings.

Par value of sales for the week totalled \$13,150,000 com-

BRITAIN'S DOLLAR GAP

Gaitskell To Make Statement This Week

Decline In Sterling Area Commodity Prices Blamed

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Mr Gaitskell's quarterly statement on the gold and dollar reserves of the Sterling Area is an event which has cast its shadow before it. Whether by accident or design, a figure—\$500,000,000—"leaked out" during the Chancellor's visit to Washington, and this figure is regarded here as a fairly accurate measure of the dollar gap which has opened up since last June.

Mr Gaitskell himself refers to the deficit as a "substantial one" and talks of "further steps to restrict imports and expand exports."

His full statement, which is due on Wednesday, is awaited with great interest. It will among other things reveal the nature of the "temporary factors" which, according to the Chancellor, were largely responsible for the deficit.

United Kingdom stockpiling purchases from the United States undoubtedly accounted for at least part of the "especially heavy non-recurring payments" which contributed towards the deficit. Dollar expenditure on oil to replace the lost Persian supplies also played its part.

But the real cause of the deficit has obviously been the fall in the price of Sterling Area commodities from the high levels of 1950 and the early months of this year.

The following comparisons show clearly enough how the Sterling Area's dollar-earning capacity has suffered as the result of the fall in the price of the three main Commonwealth raw materials—wool, tin and rubber.

In March this year wool was fetching 314 pence per pound, in £1.25 per ton and rubber 63 pence per pound. By last week these prices were down to 105 pence, £0.66 and 46 pence, respectively.

CLEAR HINT

Mr Gaitskell clearly had in mind these commodities in his programme of steady purchases by the United States of Sterling Area raw materials at reasonable prices among his suggestions for measures "designed to reduce the impact of external factors upon the economy of the United Kingdom."

Mr Richard Stokes, Minister of Materials, said much the same thing at the end of this week's Commonwealth talks on supply and production. What was needed, he said, was a programme of "orderly buying" and "little more collaboration between nations."

It may be argued that the Chancellor and the Minister of Materials were talking about different commodities—that Mr Gaitskell was referring to tin and rubber and Mr Stokes to such raw materials as manganese and tungsten.

But it would be difficult to persuade the United States to embark upon "a programme of steady purchases" of tin and rubber which are in potential surplus supply and at the same time to "moderate" their purchases of such scarce materials as manganese and tungsten.

We cannot have it both ways.

STOCK EXCHANGE

The election boom which enlivened the Stock Exchange at the end of last week has petered out. A new talking point is the Conservative Party's manifesto which promises to introduce some form of excess profits tax.

This is apparently not disturbed the City as much as one might expect. The Daily Express city editor, Frederick Ellis, comments, "No one in the City likes any form of excess profits tax, with the danger of encouraging extravagance. But a new form of excess profits tax is only one side of the Tories' plan for controls."

He thought it unwise that countries should embark on huge stockpiling programmes at a time of raw material shortages and made a plea for moderation in purchases against future requirements either by private consumers or the stockpiling authorities.

But although Mr Gaitskell and Mr Stokes give the impression of speaking with one voice there is a fundamental difference between the Chancellor's request for "steady purchases" and the Minister of Materials' plea for "orderly buying"—particularly as they both had the United States in mind.

Mr Gaitskell has said "It is clear that the circumstances which led to our earning large dollar surpluses in 1950 have now changed. The underlying position is much less favourable."

HAPPY MEDIUM

In other words the United States are not maintaining their purchases of Sterling Area raw materials at the level of 1950 and prices have consequently fallen. To the extent that this fall in raw materials prices has improved the terms of trade of the United Kingdom, it is to be welcomed. But at the same time it has had a less welcome effect on our dollar reserves.

The happy medium might be hard to attain but this is undoubtedly what the Chancellor has in mind when he speaks of "steady purchases" by the United States."

The Minister of Materials, on the other hand, has a quite different problem to solve. The Commonwealth conference, over which he presided, has issued a statement (remarkable for its omission of any reference to the United States or the dollar position) in the form of a declaration of principles which now have to be translated into action.

One of these was that the range of prices and purchasing arrangements should be such as would encourage long-term production without discouraging consumption."

Again we find the same striking after the happy medium—in this case between

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2nd Oct.	"MAKASSAR"	S. America, S. Africa, Singapore
2nd Oct.	"BASILIAN"	Manila
3rd Oct.	"VAN DEUTZ"	Japan Ports
3rd Oct.	"TEGORDEGAR"	Japan Ports
12th Oct.	"TIWANG"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
12th Oct.	"SIREHAR"	Japan Ports
12th Oct.	"TIBODAS"	Japan Ports
12th Oct.	"TEGORDEGAR"	Japan Ports
22nd Oct.	"TIBADAK"	Java Ports, Macassar & Singapore
22nd Oct.	"BAHAKA"	Japan
22nd Oct.	"MAKASSAR"	Japan

SAILINGS

Date	Ship	To
1st Oct.	"TIJJA LENGKA"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
3rd Oct.	"STRAAT"	Japan Ports
3rd Oct.	"MAKASSAR"	Indonesia, Penang & Belawan Deli
10th Oct.	"VAN DEUTZ"	Japan Ports
12th Oct.	"TEGORDEGAR"	Singapore, Macassar, E. & S. Africa
14th Oct.	"TIWANG"	S. America, Java Ports & Macassar
15th Oct.	"SIREHAR"	Japan Ports
15th Oct.	"TIBODAS"	Japan Ports
15th Oct.	"TEGORDEGAR"	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & America
21st Oct.	"TIBADAK"	Java Ports, Macassar & Singapore
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11th Oct.	"AHENDSKERK"	Japan
2nd week Nov.	"KIELDRECHT"	Europe & Singapore

SAILINGS

Date	Ship	To
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Mr Archibald Ritchie and Mr David Scott Robb, Chartered Accountants, were appointed Liquidators.

The meeting was presided over by Mr J. F. Macgregor, Chairman of the Board, of Directors.

Mr L. B. Stone, the Chairman, in proposing that the affairs of the Company should be voluntarily wound up, said:

"The purpose for which this meeting has been called is to pass a resolution to wind up The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and that Mr Ritchie and Mr Robb should be appointed Liquidators for this purpose."

"The control of this Company was acquired by the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., in 1916. Since then much has happened in world affairs and with changing conditions in the Far East we now find that the operations of the Company could be more economically effected by the absorption of our underwriting representations into the parent Company or into one of its subsidiaries. With this end in view, it is considered desirable by the Directors that the Company should be placed in voluntary liquidation."

PARENT CO. CONTROL

In this connection I would mention that over 99 per cent of the shares in the "China Fire" are owned by the parent Company, the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

I therefore propose that the affairs of the Company should be voluntarily wound up; and that Mr Ritchie and Mr Robb should be appointed Liquidators for this purpose. I shall be glad if a shareholder will kindly second my proposal."

The proposal was seconded by Mr P. A. W. Dunt. The resolution was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Those present at the meeting were Mr J. F. Macgregor (Chairman of the Board of Directors), Mr J. H. Hamm, Mr H. Owen Hughes, Mr S. J. Cooke and Mr A. W. Hay-Edie (Directors); Mr L. B. Stone (General Manager); and Messrs I. M. Forrest, C. Maclean, S. M. Garrard, P. A. W. Dunt, Lee Hau-shing, J. Holm, D. R. Ryde, L. A. Osmund, J. A. Remedies, M. A. R. Souza, S. R. Salter, H. Gooey, A. S. Mitchell, D. S. Robb and R. A. Wadeon (shareholders); and Mrs M. E. Stapan-Thomson (Secretary).

Mail Notices

Registered articles and parcels close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 BY AIR

Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.

Japan, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Formosa, 5 p.m., U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., H.K.A.N.W.A.L.

Siam, Malaya, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface

Macao, 8 a.m.; 5 p.m., as Chien Men/Tak Shing.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 BY AIR

Formosa, 10 a.m., via C.A.T.

Malaya, 10 a.m., via C.A.T.

New Zealand, Ceylon, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Indo-China, India, France, French North & West Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m., Air France.

Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface

Macao, 8 a.m.; 5 p.m., as Chien Men/Tak Shing.

China People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.

Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, Middle East, Great Britain, Noon, 2 a.m.

Siam, 1 p.m., as La Carmela.

Indo-China, 2 p.m., as Bokor.

Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m., as Tak.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3 BY AIR

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, 10 a.m., via P.A.L.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 10 a.m., C.P.A.

Formosa, 10 a.m., C.P.A.

U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., P.A.A.

India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K.A.N.W.A.L.

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., P.O.A.S.

By Surface

Macao, 8 a.m.; 5 p.m., as Chien Men/Tak Shing.

China People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.

Japan, Noon, as Tjikampiek.

Philippines, 2 p.m., as Pres. Van Buren.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Daylight Saving

Sir.—It was news to me, to read, in the China Mail "Comment of the Day" that daylight saving time was started so that persons, desirous of taking part in outdoor sports, would have a chance to do this after office hours.

As far as I know, this is not exact: the daylight saving time idea, originated in Germany during the world war No 1 (and shortly afterwards adopted nearly everywhere) as a measure for saving fuel, while obtaining the same hours of work from the individuals. Quite reasonable, in an emergency, as in this case.

From the rest of the article I gather that the author is as much of an extremist as myself, the only difference being that, for him, the hour should always be advanced, while for me, it should be always kept normal.

I agree with him that many people do like outdoor sports (I do love swimming, rowing, fishing and shooting); and luckily all of these are not appreciably influenced by sunlight: anything, weather, etc., suit them, and the fun you get, depends only from you, but most admit that many others are well satisfied with studying, reading or other pastimes that do not call necessarily for sun-or-daylight, and these people on the other hand would enjoy in not having to start the day by switching on and off the light.

Evidently a world, made of extremists of our calibre, would be unfit to live in, therefore I have two suggestions to put forward:

1.—Let everything alone as it is, so that when we revert to the winter time (normal), those agreeing with my views and myself, will rejoice; while, the same thing will occur for the commentator and his supporters, once we go back to the summer time.

2.—Can be enforced the system, in use in other colonial Powers, by which the working hours are reduced, thus automatically increasing recreation time and, incidentally, decreasing the unemployment as the work has to be carried out, anyway.

M. G.
Munro.

Smuggling Attempt Fails

Photographic paper and roller bearings worth \$33,040 and a junk valued at \$1,000 were ordered to be confiscated by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning when two men, Chow Muk-kwan, 38, junk master, and Cheung Sap, 30, the cargo owner, were each fined \$500 for attempting to export the cargo without a licence.

Insp. Dewar said the junk was intercepted off Lamma Island yesterday. Four hundred and ninety-three packets of photographic paper and 325 roller bearings were found concealed in the junk's main compartment. The junk master said he was going to Macao in the vessel.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Only one—the pyramids of Egypt. 2. Because the statue was discovered on the island of Milo, or Melos. 3. An immigrant is a person coming into a country and an emigrant is a person going out of a country. 4. Rumyant Korakov.

FILM DEPICTS PAPER MAKING

"Although everyone uses paper in one form or another every day, few people have much idea of how it is made. A film entitled 'The Paper Chain' will reveal the whole absorbing story of this universally used material."

It is to be shown by Mr S. Lines at the YWCA, 11 Duddell Street, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everyone is welcome.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Call the car which left Clea Hill, A, first, and the car which left Clea Hill, B, last.

Then, if the speed of A is on miles per hour, the initial speed of B is $\frac{7}{10}$ m.p.h. So when B has travelled 100 miles, A has covered 100 miles. The two cars are now 20 miles apart, and are travelling at $\frac{1}{10}$ m.p.h. i.e. it covers $\frac{1}{10}$ of the distance between them.

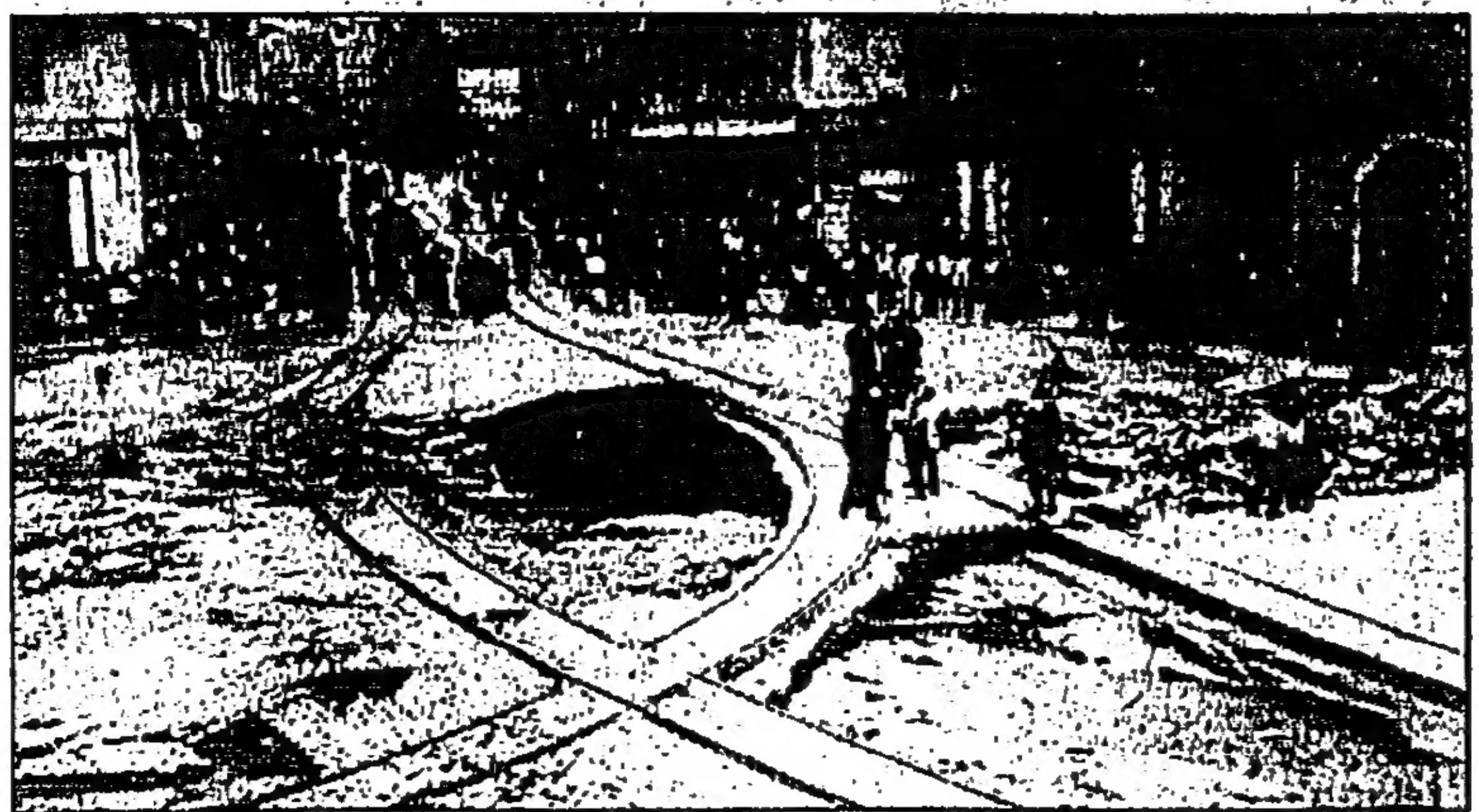
To meet 100 miles from London Express Service.

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"I fooled the old gossip that time—she asked what I thought of our new neighbour and I said she was grand!"

The Rains Came, And Caused This



The flooding of the River Darro, which runs under the streets of Granada, Spain, caused this collapse in the centre of the city recently. The floods followed a cloudburst on September 12 which killed two children and caused damage estimated at £3 million.—AP Picture.

Amah Stands Trial For Alleged Attempt To Murder

A 32-year-old amah, Wong Hing, stood in the dock at the Criminal Sessions before Mr Justice Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, this morning, charged with the attempted murder of her mistress, Li Yuen-kin, a midwife, at 380 Hennessy Road, first floor, on May 16. She was also charged with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, unlawful wounding, and with robbery with violence.

The robbery charge alleged that accused robbed complainant of a gold neck-chain, a jade bracelet set with gold, a pearl necklace, a platinum and diamond ring, a gold wrist watch and \$110 in cash.

The trial aroused considerable interest among the Chinese community, and all seats within audible range of the witness box were filled, mainly with women spectators.

The Prosecution is being conducted by Mr M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, Accused, who pleaded not guilty, is conducting her own defence.

Mr Morley-John said accused was employed as an amah by Li Yuen-kin, who lived with her husband and two children. At the time of the offence, the accused had been employed for about 10 days. On May 16, complainant had breakfast with her husband, children and the accused, and after the husband and children had left for work and school she retired to bed and fell asleep.

She was awakened by feeling scalding water being poured over her body, and saw the accused standing next to her with a wooden tub in her hands. Accused struck at complainant's head with the tub, and demanded money, at the same time threatening her life. A struggle ensued and accused struck complainant on the head with the telephone and with a bottle. Accused next allegedly tried to smother complainant with a cotton quilt.

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As a result of the treatment suffered at the hands of the accused, complainant lost consciousness, and was then robbed of her jewellery and money, which she had on her person. Complainant then regained consciousness and this was seen by accused, who again struck at complainant's head with the bottle and rendered her unconscious once more.

When complainant subsequently recovered, she called for help and was later taken to Queen Mary Hospital where she was admitted in a very serious condition.

Accused was arrested on June 3 in Homrun Village, and in her possession were found the articles which had been taken.

Called to the witness box, complainant began crying and took the oath with difficulty. She continued to sob when examined by Crown Counsel, who told her there was nothing to worry about or be upset by. Complainant then partly regained her composure.

In corroborating the opening given by Crown Counsel, of what had occurred in her flat.

The trial is proceeding.

Bank Robbery Sequel

Two Men Charged

Two Chinese male, well dressed in European clothes, appeared before Mr. Y. Poont at Central this morning in connection with the \$307,700 daylight robbery at the Sin Hua Trust, Savings & Commercial Bank Ltd., on September 10. They were remanded for three days in Police custody on the application of Det Inspector F. Roberts.

On Sung alias Ng Yin Yee alias Ng Hon Bun, 25, residing at 30 Jardine's Fort, 2nd floor, was charged with robbery with an offensive weapon. It was alleged that Chan together with others not in custody robbed the Sin Hua Trust, Savings and Commercial Bank Ltd. of \$307,700 at the point of a pistol.

To King alias To Ming, 25, residing at 80 Queen's Road East was charged with receiving the sum of \$20,000, the property of the Sin Hua Bank, knowing the same to be stolen.

Used Expired Ferry Ticket

Chao Shih-shun, 35, who claimed to be a newspaper reporter, was fined \$25 by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning for evading payment of a ferry fare.

When about to enter the Star Ferry wharf on Saturday, he was asked to produce a monthly ticket. He produced one for the month of August. Pleading guilty, Chao yesterday said "he was very sorry."

Refresh...add zest to the hour



From The File

100 Years Ago

Although during the month now ending it is known that there has been a considerable amount of turbulent weather in our immediate vicinity, causing several vessels to be put in for repairs, we have not, in Hongkong, experienced anything particularly remarkable. On the 2nd, the wind, which for four days previously had been blowing from the North, sometimes veering a little to the East, at others from the West, came on quite fresh from the last mentioned quarter (N.W.). The Barometer fell from 29.51 (Thermometer 83°) descending at midnight to 29.42° (Thermometer 82°) the gale at about 10 p.m. blowing in furious gusts from the Eastward, having come round by the North; moderated, however, the next morning at E.S.E. It blew fresh also again on the 8th, on the 21st and 22nd, and on the 26th instants, principally from the Eastward. Although rain has fallen on 18 days of the month (monthly average 14) it has not been in considerable quantities — say 6 inches only (half the average). The Barometer has ranged a range of 29.70 (against 20.71) Thermometer 81.8 (against 83).

The health of the troops in garrison is but indifferent. Yesterday the number of sick amounted to 127, viz. of the 59th Regiment 93—of the Ceylon Rifles 17, and of the Ordnance 17; the prevailing disease among the Europeans being Ague and Bowel complaint. The former is doubtless induced by weakness after Summer fever, the latter we fear from the bad quality of the bread reported as again being supplied by the Commissariat Contractor, all the good flour obtainable by Chinese having been exported from the Colony to meet the sudden demand for bread stuffs in New South Wales. Altogether there have been seven deaths since our last report, namely 4 of the 59th Regiment (beside that of Dr Powell) 1 of the Ceylon Rifles and two Gun Lascars.

DEBATE ON ESTIMATES

Since the departure of the "Maita" on the 24th ultimo, Hongkong news-mongers have been quite at a loss for something to talk and write about. The P. & O. S. N. Co's Steam Ship Pekin arrived with the Mall's on the 10th Inst. bringing on reports of the debate on the estimate, which have furnished our local contemporaries with the means of filling up several columns with long leading articles in two successive issues, promising to run on into third each. The acumen of one has been principally directed to the editor of them in doing his best to show that he who spoke most, to the purpose on the subject of the unreasonable expense of this Government, was actuated by place hunting motives, and therefore unworthy of attention.

The subject may be wrapped up in a nutshell in the simple statement of one or two prominent facts. For the government of some two hundred English residents of this Colony, the sum of £24,000 of local revenue is insufficient; and the mother country is called on to give £15,500 more, besides paying the expenses of a garrison of upwards of a thousand men, and the crews of several men of war, almost constantly anchored in the harbour. It will be replied, yes, but there are some twenty thousand Chinese residents to be governed. Therefore the large expense. Now if the number of Chinese residents was limited to the tenth part of the present population, that tenth being good men and true, instead of what we now have—"the over-bloated" — the sum of the Chinese children "as we have before called them—would English interests be whit the less benefitted than they are now? And would not England save some £30,000 a year by the bargain? But until Right Honourable Secretaries of State practise other than "double dealing" in their speeches, it is quite useless to waste time in railing at the heavy expenses to which the mother country is put in upholding this, to us almost useless colony. If the Chinese population was restricted